GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4231
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001
AMENDMENT IN CRPC
M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend criminal procedure code on the basis of recommendations made by the Law Commission and the National Police Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)&(b): On the basis of the recommendations of the Law Commission of India, the National Police Commission, the observations of courts and suggestions received from State Governments and others, the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 containing 49 clauses and proposing amendment to various provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Penal Code, 1860 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on May 09, 1994.The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs which considered the Amendment Bill, 1994 has suggested changes to 17 clauses. The Government proposes to accept all the suggestions of the Committee except in respect of one clause.

In the meantime, Government has set up a Committee under the chairmanship of Shri Justice V.S. Malimath to consider measures to revamp the Criminal Justice System.The Committee has comprehensive terms of reference which include examination of procedural and penal laws. Therefore, it has been decided to await the recommendations of the Justice Malimath Committee and take a holistic view on amendments to the code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.